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In re Patent Application of)
Hiroshi SANO et al) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: October 5, 2001)
For: THEOBROMINE SYNTHASE)
POLYPEPTIDE OF COFFEE PLANT)
AND THE GENE ENCODING SAID)
POLYPEPTIDE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 16-34 as follows:

- A' 16. (New) A polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence of following (a) or (b):
- (a) an amino acid sequence defined by amino acid numbers from 1 to 378 shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 in a Sequence List,
- (b) an amino acid sequence in which a part of said amino acid sequence (a) is deleted or another amino acid sequence is added to said amino acid sequence (a) or a part